



2023 LULAC PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

To: All LULAC Councils
From: Domingo Garcia, LULAC National President
Date: July 6, 2023
Subject: Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The following amendments to the LULAC National Constitution have been submitted in accordance to Article XIV, Section 2 for consideration and vote at the 2023 LULAC National Convention to be held August 3-5, 2023, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I would like to give special thanks to LULAC National Parliamentarian Ray Mancera for chairing the amendments committee, collecting the amendments, and preparing them to be sent to the councils.

Please bring these proposed amendments to the attention of all your members. If you have any questions, please call the LULAC National Office. Thank you.

Council 2 – San Antonio, Texas

Amendment 1 Pages 10-11 Article VI Section 1 Subsection c

This amendment would change the month in which the National Convention would be held. This change would allow states to hold their State Conventions in early summer rather than late spring, allowing more Youth and Young Adults to attend since schools and graduations will be over. If we are going to depend on our Youth and Young Adults to lead this organization in the future we must make accommodations for them to learn how to lead and provide the necessary tools needed for them to do so.

Section 1 -The National Assembly

c. Sessions: The National Assembly shall convene annually in the month of ~~June~~ **July- August** at a convention site which it shall select by majority vote in accordance with the method of selection established by the Bylaws.

The National Assembly may be called into special session by the National Board in case of extreme need but such call must be approved by three fourth of the active councils who shall indicate their wishes by certified mail vote.

Amendment 2 Pages 16-17 Article VI Section 4 Subsection c

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Section 4: The State Assembly shall convene in the month of ~~May~~ **June** and shall follow all procedures to site selection, special sessions, etc., as set forth for the National Assembly under Article II, Conventions, Section (1-8) of the Bylaws. With the exception of District of Columbia, all state officers and states with less than ten (10) councils will be appointed by the National President with the consent of the National Board.

Amendment 3 Page 3 Article III Section 6

The amendment to the Constitution that we are proposing would provide a clear understanding of what non-partisanship means for our organization. Though it is in the Constitution, the non-partisan statement does not stand alone. We propose that it stand alone and fall directly under the Preamble; We do not however, propose that Article III Section 6 be removed as it protects the rights of voters and to participate fully as a candidate.

**Article I
Non-Partisan Statement**

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is a non-partisan organization. We do not endorse political candidates or political parties; nor do we accept any funds from political candidates, political parties, or political actions groups. We do encourage our members to be politically active with the political party of their choice as long as those activities do not interfere with LULAC activities.

**Article ~~I~~ II
Legal Provision**

Council 1191 – Phoenix, Arizona

Amendment 1 Page 35 Article VIII Section 8 Subsection b. (2)

Currently charges against Officers at District, State and National levels and Local Councils shall be forwarded to the National President. Charges against members shall be presented at the council level. Charges against District and council officers should be designated to the state and to their specific regions and if the state is not able to resolve then those charges should be forwarded to the National President. As National has explained that they do not have the band with to deal will every issue.

Proposed Change to now read:

- (2) Charges against Officers at District, State and National levels and Local Councils shall be forwarded directly to **their perspective regions if the perspective state is not able to resolve the charges, then charges** shall be directly forwarded to the National President. Charges against members shall be presented at the council level.
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Council 688 – Houston, Texas

Amendment 1 DELEGATES

Substituting Section 4. Delegates. Article II. Conventions, of the Bylaws of the League of United Latin American Citizens, at pages 72 and 73, with the following:

- a. **Each Council in good standing shall have the right to send as many delegates and alternates as it is entitled to, provided that the delegate's council has paid all council, district, state and national fees by the deadline date established by the Constitution or a later date approved by the LULAC National Board of Directors.**
- b. **Existing Councils shall have the right to 4 delegates and 4 alternates for the first 10 members it has in its Council;**
- c. **Existing Councils shall have the right to add 1 delegate and 1 alternate for each 10 additional members.**
- d. **New councils shall be granted 1 delegate and 1 alternate for each 10 members it has in its Council.**
- e. **A council that fails to recharter in the immediate succeeding year, shall be treated as a new council in any future charter filing.**
- f. All delegates of a Council to any convention of the League shall be elected at a regular meeting of which all members have been advised with at least a two-week notice. Elections for delegates may be on a plurality vote with the top vote getters designated as delegates and the alternates being designated as first, second, etc., alternate on the basis of the number of votes received.
- g. The delegation shall be headed by the Council President, or if unable to attend, by the Vice President or other selected officer.
- h. The Council Secretary shall certify the delegates to the National, State or District Secretaries in writing with a copy to the head of the delegation thirty days before the convention date. The delegation shall present its certification letter to the National, State, or District Treasurer at the time of registration. Any delegate that is uncertified shall not be allowed to vote. Such a provision may not be set aside by the Assembly.
- i. Councils organized less than thirty days prior to a convention or whose charter has not been officially presented and approved by the National Board of Directors, may send delegations to a convention but without the right to vote.

Amendment 2. COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP

Substituting ARTICLE VI Organization Structure, Section 8—Local Councils from the title of Section 8, through the end of subsection b, at pages 21 and 22, as follows:

Section 8—The Local Council: Partisan, political and government entities are not permitted to sponsor or fund council membership or charter fees.

- (3) The application, accompanied by a roster of the officers and members of the group, **complete with a verifiable personal mailing address, telephone number and email address for each member on the roster**, a \$75.00 charter fee and a \$6.00 initiation fee and the dues payable for each member on the roster, shall be forwarded to the National Office. ~~All councils chartered 30 days prior to the National Convention will be allowed to have voting privileges;~~ **All councils chartered by the dead-line set in the Constitution or by the LULAC National Board of Directors as the deadline to submit payment to charter said Council shall be allowed to have voting privileges.**
- (6) Charter Fees: The sum of \$75.00 is hereby set as the fee for issuance of a charter by the National Board of Directors to a group that applies and is approved for affiliation as a Local Council with the League. Said fee shall be renewed on an annual basis, due to the LULAC National Treasurer on the first day of January each year **and payable by each Council no later than February 28 of that same year, or no later than a date that the LULAC National Board of Directors may set.** Any Council not having paid said fee by the February 28 due date **or by the date set by the**

LULAC National Board of Directors shall have its charter revoked and will be required to apply for a new charter and pay all fees as prescribed for the chartering of a new Council. Said fees shall be deposited in the General Fund of the National Office.

Amendment 3 STATE DIRECTORS

SUBSTITUTES the following provision in Article VI Organization Structure. Section 2. The National Board of Directors. A., at page 11, as follows:

- (7.) State Directors, with **10 councils or more in good standing, shall have voting authority while serving on the LULAC National Board of Directors;**

Amendment 4 NATIONAL OFFICER TERM

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols by substituting the following provision in Article VIII National Officers. Section 4. Qualifications, at pages 30 -31 as follows:

Article VIII. National Officers. Section 4—Qualifications: All National Officers, whether elected or appointed, must:

- d. Not have served in the same office, or other elected national office, whether intermittently or consecutively, for more than four years, except for serving in the office of National President or appointed National Officers;**

Amendment 5 ELECTRONIC VOTING

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols by substituting the following provisions in Article VIII National Officers. Section 5. Election of National Officers. And Bylaws. Article II. Convention. Section 8. Voting at Conventions at page 31 as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. National Officers. Section 5—Election of National Officers:

“d. Voting for officers in National elections shall be by electronic voting. Voting in National elections on other matters shall be by **electronic voting**, roll call, a show of hands or secret ballot, as the Rules Committee may recommend and the National Assembly may approve.”

BYLAWS. ARTICLE II. Conventions. Section 8—Voting at Conventions: “a. Voting for officers at all the conventions shall be by electronic voting. Voting on other matters shall be by electronic voting, a show of hands, roll call, or secret ballot as provided for the National Assembly in the National Constitution under Article VIII, Section 5, d.”

Amendment 6 POSTING

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols adding the following subsection to ARTICLE VI Organization Structure, Section 8—Local Councils, at page 24, as follows:

- i. Sixty days after the cut-off date for the chartering of councils, that date set in the Constitution or by the LULAC National Board of Directors, the National Office shall post on its social media platform/s a list of all councils chartered by LULAC, that includes, the state, the territory, the district number, the council number and the number of members for each council, said information shall remain posted until any time after the Convention of the National Assembly.**

Amendment 7 IDENTIFICATION OF THE DELEGATE

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols by adding the following provision to Bylaws. Article II. Conventions. Section. 3. Convention Arrangements, at page 72:

- k. **LULAC members registering as delegates or alternates shall provide a photo identification of their person at registration.**

Amendment 8 FIRST NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ON NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, Article VI - Organization Structure Section 2. —The National Board of Directors, at page 11, by substituting the following section:

CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS.
ARTICLE VI Organization Structure, Section 2—The National Board of Directors:

Section 2—The National Board of Directors:

- a. Definition and Composition: The National Board of Directors is the delegated executive arm of the National Assembly and shall be composed of the following:
- (1) The National President;
 - (2) The First National Vice President;**
 - ~~(2) The Immediate Past National President;~~
 - ~~(3)~~ The National Vice Presidents;
 - ~~(4)~~ Past National Presidents (may vote subject to Subsection e. below);
 - ~~(5)~~ National Treasurer;
 - ~~(6)~~ The National Youth President;
 - ~~(7)~~ State Directors;
 - ~~(8)~~ Appointed Officers-National Secretary, National Legal Advisor, National Parliamentarian, National Chaplain, and National Director of Publicity (all without vote).

Amendment 9 FIRST NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ON NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, Article VI - Organization Structure Section 3—The National Executive Committee by substituting the following section, at page 14, as follows:

CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS.
ARTICLE VI Organization Structure, Section 3—The National Executive Committee:

- (b) Composition: The National Executive Committee will be composed of the following members:
- (1) The National President;
 - (2) The First National Vice President;**
 - ~~(2) The Immediate Past National President;~~
 - ~~(3)~~ The National Vice Presidents;
 - ~~(4)~~ Past National Presidents (may vote subject to Subsection e. below);
 - ~~(5)~~ National Treasurer;
 - ~~(6)~~ The National Youth President;
 - ~~(7)~~ State Directors;
 - ~~(8)~~ Appointed Officers-National Secretary, National Legal Advisor, National Parliamentarian, National Chaplain, and National Director of Publicity (all without vote).

Amendment 10 CREATES THE OFFICE OF FIRST NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT AS AN ELECTED OFFICE

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 1—Elective Officers: by substituting at page 29 the following section:

ARTICLE VIII National Officers

Section 1—Elective Officers: The following positions will be filled by majority vote of the General Assembly each year:

- a. National President;

- b. **First National Vice President;**
- c. National Vice President for Women;
- d. National Vice President for Youth;
- e. National Vice President for Young Adults;
- f. National Vice President for the Elderly;
- g. National Treasurer;
- h. National Vice President Southwest;
- i. National Vice President Midwest;
- j. National Vice President Farwest;
- k. National Vice President Southeast;
- l. National Vice President Northeast
- m. National Vice President Northwest.

Amendment 11 ELIMINATES THE OFFICER POSITION OF IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 3— Immediate Past National President by striking, at page 30, the following section:

ARTICLE VIII National Officers

Section 3—~~Immediate Past National President: This shall be the title conferred on the outgoing President by the incoming National President.~~

Amendment 12 ELIMINATES DUTY OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO CONFIRM TITLE TO IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 9—Duties and Responsibilities of the National Officers a. National President: by substituting, at page 36 - 37, the following section:

ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 9—Duties and Responsibilities of the National Officers a. National President

- a. National President:
 - (7) To refrain from taking sides or influencing any individual or group, directly or by inference, in LULAC elections at whatever level;
 - ~~(7) To confer the title of Immediate Past National President upon the outgoing National President;~~
 - ~~(8)~~ To carry out all other duties found in this Constitution and Bylaws and incumbent upon his or her office;
 - ~~(9)~~ Appoint all vacancies occurring in the ranks of the National Officers in the interim between sessions of the National Assembly with the consent of the National Board of Directors or National Executive Committee provided appointees fulfill those qualifications and limitations established in Article VIII, Section 4.
 - ~~(10)~~ Appoint State Director in States with less than three councils, except District of Columbia, with the consent of the National Board of Directors or National Executive Committee.
 - ~~(11)~~ Deliver to his/her successor in office all books, papers, records and other property of the League that may be in his/her possession at the close of his/her official term.
 - ~~(12)~~ For the performance of the aforementioned duties, the President shall receive an honorarium that will be determined and subject to renewal by the Executive Committee on an annual basis.

Amendment 13 ELIMINATES DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 9—Duties and Responsibilities of the National Officers b. Immediate Past National President: by striking, at page 37, the following section:

b. ~~Immediate Past National President:~~

- ~~(1) To serve as advisor to the National President;~~
- ~~(2) To attend National Executive Committee meetings, National Board of Directors meetings and National Conventions and to preside at either function in the absence of the National President and Vice Presidents or in the event these persons are candidates for office at a National Assembly and by virtue of this situation, disqualified to preside;~~
- ~~(3) To have supervisory control over committees assigned him or her by the National President;~~
- ~~(4) To carry out those functions which by request of the National President and National Executive Committee or by virtue of his position are incumbent upon him or her.~~

Amendment 14 ELIMINATES MENTION OF IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT AS AN OFFICER HAVING VOTE IN A NATIONAL CONVENTION

AMENDS the LULAC Bylaws, ARTICLE II Conventions Section 8—Voting at Conventions b.: by substituting the subsection at page 76 as follows:

- b. At the National Convention the elective National Officers, ~~Past Immediate National President~~, Past National Presidents, Past National Vice Presidents, State Directors and District Directors and the certified delegates of the Council shall have a vote.

Amendment 15 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FIRST NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 9—Duties and Responsibilities of the National Officers by substituting subsection b. at pages 37-38 with the following section:

b. First National Vice President

- (1) shall be the second in command to the National LULAC President and shall succeed the National LULAC President in the event that the National President is removed, resigns, is not capable of serving, or passes away;**
- (2) shall be elected independently each year at the national assembly, along with the other officers of LULAC;**
- (3) The responsibilities of the First National Vice President shall include:**
 - (a) Serving as a member of the National Board of Directors;**
 - (b) Presiding over meetings of the LULAC membership in the absence of the National President;**
 - (c) Assuming the duties of the National President in the absence or incapacity of the National President;**
 - (d) Carrying out any other duties assigned by the National President or the National Board of Directors;**
 - (e) Coordinating LULAC programs and initiatives in conjunction with the National President and other officers;**

Amendment 16 REPLACING THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 6—Tenure of Elected Office by substituting the section, at page 33-34 with the following:

ARTICLE VIII National Officers
Section 6—Tenure of Elected Office:

- d. All vacancies occurring in the ranks of the National officers in the interim between sessions of the National Assembly shall be filled with persons appointed by the National President and approved by the National Board of Directors or National Executive Committee, **at the prerogative of the National President.** In all such appointments, the National President, **National Board of Directors** or National Executive Committee shall adhere to the qualifications and limitations established in Article VIII, Section 4.
- e. **Should the office of National President become vacant at any time for whatever reason, the First National Vice President shall assume the office of the National President.**
- f. **The term of office of any officer appointed to fill an unexpired elective term shall be for the balance of the unexpired term and shall not be counted towards the four-year tenure limitation.**

Amendment 17 MENDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL VICE NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 9—Duties and Responsibilities of the National Officers Subsection c. National Vice Presidents, by substituting at page 38 with the section with the following:

ARTICLE VIII National Officers

Section 9—Duties and Responsibilities of the National Officers:

c. National Vice Presidents:

- (1) To represent the League as assigned by the National President or by the National Executive Committee;
- (2) To have supervisory control over committees assigned him or her by the National President;
- (3) **To preside at sessions of the National Assembly and the National Board of Directors or National Executive Committee meetings when requested by the National President;**
- (4) To oversee the activities of the League within the specified responsibilities of the office and to report at all meetings of the National Board of Directors and to the National Executive Committee;
- (5) To assume such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to him or her by the National President, the National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee, particularly within the geographical area from which he or she is elected;

Amendment 18 AMENDMENT BY ADDING THE POSITION OF NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VIII National Officers Section 1—Elective Officers, by substituting the section at pages 29-30 with the following:

ARTICLE VIII National Officers

Section 1—Elective Officers: The following positions will be filled by majority vote of the General Assembly each year:

- a. National President;
- b. National Vice President for Women;
- c. **National Vice President for Veterans Affairs**
- d. National Vice President for Youth;
- e. National Vice President for Young Adults;
- f. National Vice President for the Elderly;
- g. National Treasurer;
- h. National Vice President Southwest;

- i. National Vice President Midwest;
- j. National Vice President Farwest;
- k. National Vice President Southeast;
- l. National Vice President Northeast
- m. National Vice President Northwest.

Amendment 19 AMENDMENT BY ADDING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY STATE DIRECTOR FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VI Organization

Structure Section 5—The State Executive Board, by substituting the section at page 17 with the following:

ARTICLE VI Organization Structure

Section 5—The State Executive Board: a. Definition and Composition: The State Executive Board is the delegated executive branch of the State Assembly and shall be composed of:

- (1) The State Director;
- (2) The Deputy State Director;
- (3) The Deputy State Director for the Elderly;
- (4) The Deputy State Director for Women;
- (5) The Deputy State Director for Veteran Affairs;**
- (6) The Deputy State Director for Young Adults;
- (7) The Deputy State Director for Youth;
- (8) The State Treasurer;
- (9) The Immediate Past State Director;
- (10) The District Directors;
- (11) Appointed Officers-State Secretary, State Legal Advisor, State Parliamentarian, State Chaplain, and State Director of Publicity (all without vote).

Amendment 20 AMENDMENT BY ADDING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VI Organization

Structure Section 7—District Executive Board, by substituting the section at page 19 with the following:

ARTICLE VI Organization Structure

Section 7—The District Executive Board:

- a. Definition and Composition: The District Executive Board is the Executive branch of the District Assembly and shall be composed of:
 - (1) The District Director;
 - (2) The Deputy District Director;
 - (3) The Deputy District Director for the Elderly;
 - (4) The Deputy District Director for Women;
 - (5) The Deputy District Director for Veterans Affairs;**
 - (6) The Deputy District Director for Young Adults;
 - (7) The Deputy District Director for Youth;
 - (8) The District Treasurer;
 - (9) The Immediate Past District Director;
 - (10) The Presidents of the Local Councils in the District;
 - (11) Appointed Officers-District Secretary, District Legal Advisor, District Parliamentarian, District Chaplain, and District Director of Publicity (all without vote).

Amendment 21 AMENDMENT BY ADDING THE OFFICER POSITION OF DEPUTY STATE DIRECTOR FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS AS AN ELECTIVE OFFICE
AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE IX State Officers Section I—Elective Officers, by substituting the section at page 44 with the following:

ARTICLE IX State Officers
Section I—Elective Officers:

- a. State Director;
- b. Deputy State Director;
- c. State Treasurer;
- d. Deputy State Director for the Elderly;
- e. Deputy State Director of Women’s Activities;
- f. Deputy State Director for Veterans Affairs**
- g. Deputy State Director for Young Adults;
- h. Deputy State Director of Youth;

Amendment 22 AMENDMENT BY ADDING THE OFFICER POSITION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS AS AN ELECTIVE OFFICE
AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE X District Officers Section I—Elective Officer by substituting the section at page 48 with the following:

ARTICLE X District Officers Section I—Elective Officers:

- a. The District Director;
- b. The Deputy District Director;
- c. The District Treasurer;
- d. The Deputy District Director for the Elderly;
- e. The Deputy District Director for Women;
- f. The Deputy District Director for Veterans Affairs;**
- g. The Deputy District Director for Young Adults;
- h. The Deputy District Director for Youth;

Amendment 23 AMENDMENT BY ADDING A PROVISION CERTIFYING A COUNCIL WILL OR HAS COMPLIED WITH IRS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE OPERATION OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNCIL
AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols, ARTICLE VI Organization Structure Section 8. The Local Council, b. by substituting the subsection at page 21-22 with the following:

ARTICLE X District Officers Section I—Elective Officers: Section 8 The Local Council:

- b. Organization: A local Council may be organized under the sponsorship of an active Council and/or of any District, State or National Board of Director officer or any combination of these according to the procedures set forth below:
 - (1) A group of not less than ten persons ~~of either or both sexes~~ that meets all qualifications for membership as defined under Article IV, Section 1 of this Constitution and desirous of forming a LULAC Council shall, on its own initiative or that of one of the possible sponsoring entities, stipulated above, meet and elect officers and otherwise constitute itself into an organized body;
 - (3) As part of the application:**
 - (a) the President of the new council must certify that they will register their council as a 501c.3 or 501.c.4 non-profit organization during their first year of their charter and shall report IRS reports for the council when they become due; and**
 - (b) the President of a council that is re-chartering shall certify that the President has registered the council with the IRS as a 501c.3 or 501c.4 non-profit organization and**

that the President has complied with IRS financial tax report requirements for the most current tax year.

- (4) The application, accompanied by a roster of the officers and members of the group, complete with mailing addresses, a \$75.00 charter fee and a \$6.00 initiation fee and the dues payable for each member on the roster, shall be forwarded to the National Office. All councils chartered 30 days prior to the National Convention will be allowed to have voting privileges;
- (5) Upon approval of the application by the National Board of Directors, a Charter will be issued by the National Office and sent to the Council in addition to the Director of the District and State Director in which the Council is to be located or the State Director if no District exists.
- (6) The District or State Director shall arrange a place and date with the new Council for the initiation of members, installation of officers, and presentation of charter according to the established ritual in this Constitution;
- (7) Charter Fees: The sum of \$75.00 is hereby set as the fee for issuance of a charter by the National Board of Directors to a group that applies and is approved for affiliation as a Local Council with the League. Said fee shall be renewed on an annual basis, due to the LULAC National Treasurer on the first day of January each year and payable no later than February 28 of that same year by each Local Council. Any Council not having paid said fee by the February 28 due date shall have its charter revoked and will be required to apply for a new charter and pay all fees as prescribed for the chartering of a new Council. Said fees shall be deposited in the General Fund of the National Office.

Amendment 24 DEADLINE TO JOIN FOR QUORUM COUNT

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols by substituting subsection d. of Section 1 to Article VI Organization Structure, at page 11, with the following provision:

ARTICLE VI Organization Structure

Section 1—The National Assembly:

- d. **Quorum: The certified delegates from one third (1/3) of the active Councils at the time of an annual convention or special-called session of the National Assembly shall constitute a quorum without reference to the number of District, State or National Officers who have a vote in said sessions. To qualify for quorum count before a session of the National Assembly, the Council must have applied for charter or re-charter by February 28 or by the deadline approved by the National Board of Directors and subsequently approved for charter or re-charter by the National Board of Directors.**

Amendment 25 DAY OF STATE CONVENTIONS

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols by amending subsection c. Sessions of Section 4 The State Assembly to Article VI Organization Structure, at page 17, as follows:

ARTICLE VI Organization Structure

Section 4—The State Assembly:

- c. Sessions: The State Assemblies shall convene annually **on a Saturday** in the month of May and shall follow all procedures as to site selection, special sessions, etc., as set forth for the National Assembly under Article II, Conventions, Sections (1-8) of the Bylaws. With the exception of the District of Columbia, all state officers in states with less than ten (10) councils will be appointed by the National President with the consent of the National Board of Directors.

Amendment 26 LOCATION AND ATTENDANCE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols by amending subsection d. Meetings of Section 3 The National Executive Committee to Article VI Organization Structure, at page 16, as follows:

ARTICLE VI Organization Structure

Section 3—The National Executive Committee:

c. Meetings: The National Executive Committee shall meet during the months of August, December and April of each year and at any other time upon the call of the President or upon the call signed by one half of the members of the National Executive Committee, **provided that the location of any special called meeting shall be made by the National President and shall require the attendance of the National President.**

Amendment 27 MEMBERS

AMENDS the LULAC Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols by substituting the preamble, first paragraph, in Article IV Members, at page 3, with the following provision:

All persons who are residents of the United States of America, meaning the 50 states and the District of Columbia, or citizens of the United States who reside in the United States who are temporarily assigned to military posts abroad, and are eighteen years of age or older, and whose loyalty to our country is unquestionable, are eligible for membership in the League.

Council 4982 – El Paso, Texas

Amendment 1 Pages 3-4 Article IV Members

This amendments adds officers, not just members, who are prohibited from denying LULAC membership to persons.

No council, **member or officer** at present, or in the future, shall deviate from this requirement or ask for more requirements to become a member of LULAC. All other amendments pertaining to membership whether general or special shall be declared null and void. Any councils, **members or officers persons** found denying a valid candidate for membership shall be impeached **and/or expelled by the district executive board by a majority vote.** The guilty party **of council** may appeal **only** to the **District, State and National Board of Directors, in that order.**

Amendment 2 Page 6 Article IV Members Section 1 General Members

This amendment allows an officer to also appeal their impeachment to their respective Councils, District, State and National Officers and Assemblies.

(8) To appeal to their respective Councils and/or District, State and National Officers and Assemblies cases involving their suspension, **impeachment** or expulsion as members **or officers** of the League or any situation which in their opinion constitutes an infringement on their rights and privileges as members of the League. Such appeals must be in writing and present all details.

Amendment 3 Page 10 Relating to Associates rights when joining LULAC

This amendment clarifies Associate mentioned relates to an Individual National Associate.

b. Limitations: **Individual National** Associates may not be delegates to any Convention, nor are they entitled to be nominated for elective office or appointive positions. Convicted felons are not eligible as associates.

Amendment 4 Page 10 Article VI Organization Structure

Amendment adds July to a month in which a National Assembly may convene besides June.

Section 1 – The National Assembly:

- c. Sessions: The National Assembly shall convene annually in the months of June **or July** at a convention site which it shall select by majority vote in accordance with the method of selection established in the Bylaws.

Amendment 5 Page 16 Only inserting “National” within the provision

Adds “National” to Executive Committee since there is no Executive Committee in LULAC.

Article VI Section 3 – The National Executive Committee

- e. Quorum: One-half (1/2) of the voting Members of the **National** Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. To assure a quorum, the National President shall request that members indicate within two weeks or less of receiving the notice of meeting whether or not they will be in attendance. Failure to receive favorable notice from the necessary majority shall indicate postponement of the meeting to a later date. All procedures set for calling these meetings shall be followed in the case of a postponed meeting. Any action of the National Executive Committee taken without a quorum shall be invalid. National Executive Committee members may send representatives but their presence cannot be used to establish a quorum nor will they be allowed to vote. Voting by proxy is prohibited.

Amendment 6 Page 17 Article VI Section 5

Removes “Executive” and inserts “of Directors” to the State’s title. If approved correct in other areas where applicable.

Section 5 – The State **Executive Board of Directors**

Amendment 7 Page 17-18 Article VI Section 5 – The State Executive Board

Adds State Boards may suspend, impeach, remove, expel members, officers or Councils or hear appeals

- b. Powers: Under the authority of the State Assembly, the State **Executive Board of Directors** shall execute the mandates of the Assembly, **and** administer the State in the interim between State Conventions, being empowered to;
- (1) **Suspend, impeach, remove and/or expel a member or officer for dereliction of duty, conduct unbecoming a member or officer, violation of constitutional provisions, Bylaws, policies or other activities contrary to LULAC principles and welfare, and not in line with the best interests of the organization;**
 - (2) **Listen to appeals of suspension, impeachment, removal and/or expulsion from members, officers and/or Councils and decide appropriately.**

Amendment 8 Page 19 Article VI Section 7

Removes “Executive” from title and inserts Directors. If approved correct in other areas where applicable.

Section 7 The District **Executive Board of Directors**:

Amendment 9 Page 20 Article VI Section 7 Subsection b.

Adds Districts may hear appeals of impeachment, removal, suspension and expulsion.

- b. Powers: The District **Executive Board of Directors** is empowered to carry out the mandates of the District Assembly and to administer the District in the interim between conventions, being empowered to:
- (4) **Suspend, impeach, remove, and/or expel members or officers for dereliction of duty, conduct unbecoming an officer, including any member, for violation of**

constitutional provisions, Bylaws, policies or other activities contrary to LULAC principles and welfare, and not in line with the best interests of the organization;
(5) Listen to appeals of suspension, impeachment, removal and/or expulsion of members, officers and/or Councils and decide appropriately.

Amendment 10 **Pag 34 - 36** **Article VIII** **Section 8** **Subsection a.**

Adds "suspended" to an action against an elected or appointed National Officer.

- a. Any elected or appointed National Officer of LULAC may be **suspended**, impeached and/or removed from office for any of the following reasons:

Amendment 11 **Page 35-36** **Article VIII** **Section 8** **Subsection b**

Adds charges against members and not just officers shall be forwarded to their respective District, State or National Boards.

- (2) Charges against **members and/or** Officers at District, **and** State and National levels **and Local Councils** shall be forwarded directly to ~~the National President~~ **their respective District, State or National Boards.** Charges against **Council members or Officers** shall be presented at the council level;

Amendment 12 **Page 45** **Article IX** **Section 7**

Adds "Suspension" as a charge to State Officers.

Section 7—**Suspension**, Impeachment and/or Removal of State Officers: The provisions in Article VIII, Section 8, Subsections a. and b. of this constitution shall apply to State Officers.

Amendments 13 **Page 49** **Article X** **Section 6**

Adds "Suspension" as a charge to District Officers.

Section 6—**Suspension**, Impeachment and/or Removal of District Officers: The provisions of Article VIII, Section 8, Subsections a. & b. of this Constitution shall apply to District Officers.

Amendment 14 **Page 51** **Article XI** **Section 6**

Adds "Suspension" as a charge against a local Council Officer.

Section 6— **Suspension**, Impeachment and/or Removal of Local Council Officers: Procedures for the Impeachment and/or Removal of Council **members or** Officers, shall follow those set forth in Article VIII, Section 8, of this Constitution.

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Amendment 1 **Pages 5, 6** **Article IV** **Section 1** **Subsection (b) Rights and Privileges**

- (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6,) **to remain the same**

- (7) To have their membership transferred to another Council upon written notification to their home Council and the approval of the receiving one. Such transfer **may be temporary or** permanent and all details of dues, honors, membership classification, etc. shall be handled by the secretaries of the respective Councils. **However, at no one time** can a member belong to two councils. The member's council of record with the National Office at the time of the conflict will prevail.

(PROPOSED) Amendment ARTICLE IV - Members (Page 5 in 2012)

Section 1 - General Members - Subsection (b) Rights and Privileges (page 5, 6)

- (7) (Second sentence, strike - ~~may be temporary or~~ and replace with ***will be permanent with a written notification to Membership Services 30 day prior to any convention, be it District, State or National***)

Such transfer **will be permanent with a written notification to Membership Services 30 days prior to any convention, be it District, State or National** and all details of dues, honors, membership classification, etc. shall be handled by secretaries of the respective Councils.

- (7) (Third sentence, strike - ~~However at no one time~~ and replace ***With no exception.***)
With no exception can a member belong to two councils
- (7) Fourth Sentence, strike - ~~The members council of record with the National Office at the time of the conflict will prevail~~ and replace with ***The permanent transfer of a member as recorded by the National Office will avoid any conflict.***

The permanent transfer of a member as recorded by the National Office will avoid any conflict.

If Adopted will read: Article IV – Members Sect 1 General Members Subsect (b) Rights and Privileges (7)

- Such transfer **will be permanent with a written notification to Membership Services 30 days prior to any convention, be it District, State or National** and all details of dues, honors, membership classification, etc. shall be handled by secretaries of the respective Councils.
- **With no exception can a member belong to two councils**
- **The permanent transfer of a member as recorded by the National Office will avoid any conflict.**

Amendment 2 Page 72 Article II Conventions Section 4 – Delegates

Section 4—Delegates: Each Council in good standing shall have the right to send as many delegates and alternates as it is entitled to, in accordance with their paid up membership as determined by the table below:

Membership	Delegates	Alternates
10 (min. membership)	3	3
11 – 31 21	4	4
32 – 52 22 - 32	5 8	5 8
53 – 73 33 - 63	6 16	6 16
74 – 94 64 - 80	7 32	7 32
95 – 115 81 - 100	8 50	8 50
116 -136 101 - 130	9 80	9 80
137 – 157 131 - 150	10 100	10 100

To strike “~~158 and over, 1 delegate per each 30 additional members.~~” and replace with *151 and over, 4 delegates per each 11 additional members.*

Amendment 3 Article VIII - National Officers (page 32) Sect 5-Election of National Officers -Subsect (c)

All elective National Officers, with the exception of State Directors who are elected by their respective State Assemblies, shall be elected by a majority vote of the accredited delegates to the National Assembly. For those unusual but possible instances where the balloting does not give a clear cut majority vote to any candidate, the following procedures shall prevail:

(PROPOSED) Amendment ARTICLE VIII - National Officers(page 32)

Section 5-Election of National Officers -Subsection (c)

All elective National Officers, with the exception of State Directors *and add and Regional Vice Presidents* who are elected by their respective ~~strike out State~~ Assemblies, shall be elected by a ~~strike out majority vote and replace with PLURALITY VOTE~~ of the accredited delegates to the National Assembly. ~~Strike out For those unusual but possible instances, where the balloting does not give a clear cut majority vote and replace with~~ *In all instances the plurality vote* to any candidate, the following procedures shall prevail:

- (1) ~~Strike out In those cases in which the balloting fails to give anyone of three or more candidates the necessary majority to be elected, a second balloting will be held for the two receiving the largest number~~ of votes in the first ballot; *To replace with Election of National, State, District, Council and Delegates to be elected by plurality vote with the top vote getters, most votes will prevail.*
- (2) In those cases in which only two candidates are running and the balloting ends in a tie, the National President shall cast the deciding vote.

If Adopted will read:

ARTICLE VIII - National Officers Section 5-Election of National Officers -Subsection (c)

All elective National Officers, with the exception of State Directors and Regional Vice Presidents who are elected by their respective Assemblies, shall be elected by a Plurality vote of the accredited delegates to the National Assembly. In all instances the plurality vote to any candidate, the following procedures shall prevail;

- (1) Election of National, State, District, Council and Delegates to be elected by plurality vote with the top vote getters, most votes will prevail.
- (2) In those cases in which only two candidates are running and the balloting ends in a tie, the National President shall cast the deciding vote.

Amendment 4 Page 29 Article VIII National Officers

Section 1 - Elective Officers: All ~~the following positions~~ **Officers** will be ~~filled by majority vote~~ elected annually by a **plurality vote** of the General Assembly each year add, (a)through (l):

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| a. National President; | g. National Vice President Southwest |
| b. National Vice President for Women; | h. National Vice President Midwest; |
| c. National Vice President for Youth; | i. National Vice President Far west; |
| d. National Vice President for Young Adults; | j. National Vice President Southeast; |
| e. National Vice President for the Elderly; | k. National Vice President Northeast; |
| f. National Treasurer; | l. National Vice President Northwest. |